

(*Oncorhynchus nerka*) and to incidentally take adult, threatened, Snake River spring/summer and fall chinook salmon associated with a study designed to monitor the operation of the new juvenile fish bypass system at Ice Harbor Dam on the Snake River in Washington. Some adult fish, including ESA-listed adult salmon, are expected to fall back through the juvenile bypass system and will be incidentally captured and handled in the effort to return them to the river. Permit 996 will expire on December 31, 2000.

Notice was published on March 5, 1996 (61 FR 8568) that an application had been filed by CZESD (P770#70) for a permit to take ESA-listed species. Permit 997 was issued to CZESD on April 8, 1996. Permit 997 authorizes CZESD to take juvenile, threatened, Snake River spring/summer and fall chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*) and juvenile, endangered, Snake River sockeye salmon (*Oncorhynchus nerka*) associated with four studies designed to evaluate existing and proposed juvenile fish bypass systems at Ice Harbor and Little Goose Dams on the Snake River and McNary and John Day Dams on the Columbia River in the Pacific Northwest. A proportion of the ESA-listed juvenile fish that fail to enter the fish bypass system at John Day Dam only (Study 4) will be captured and sacrificed. The authorization for a take of ESA-listed species associated with Study 1 (Ice Harbor Dam) expires on December 31, 1998. The authorization for a take of ESA-listed species associated with Studies 2-4 expires on December 31, 1996.

Notice was published on February 7, 1996 (61 FR 4626) that an application had been filed by SBT (P510B) for a permit to take an ESA-listed species. Permit 998 was issued to SBT on April 9, 1996. Permit 998 authorizes SBT to take juvenile, endangered, Snake River sockeye salmon (*Oncorhynchus nerka*) associated with a study designed to evaluate the destiny of the ESA-listed juvenile sockeye salmon from the Idaho Department of Fish and Game's captive broodstock program that were released into Pettit Lake, ID in July, 1995 under the authority of permit 795. An evaluation of the success of this release is necessary to make management decisions on future releases of the progeny from the captive broodstock program. Permit 998 expires on December 31, 2000.

Issuance of the permits, as required by the ESA, was based on a finding that such actions: (1) Were requested in good faith, (2) will not operate to the disadvantage of the ESA-listed species

that are the subject of the permits, and (3) is consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in section 2 of the ESA and the NMFS regulations governing listed species permits.

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Endangered Species; Permits

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Issuance of permit 995 (P605) and a second amendment of permit 747 (P45H).

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that NMFS has issued a permit and an amendment to a permit that authorize takes of an Endangered Species Act-listed species for the purpose of scientific research/enhancement, subject to certain conditions set forth therein, to Ms. Pamela A. Petrusso, in collaboration with the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation at Red Bluff, CA (BOR), and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service at Red Bluff, CA (FWS).

ADDRESSES: The applications and related documents are available for review in the following offices, by appointment:

Office of Protected Resources, F/PR8, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910-3226 (301-713-1401); and

Director, Southwest Region, NMFS, NOAA, 501 West Ocean Blvd., Suite 4200, Long Beach, CA 90802-4213 (310-980-4016).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The permit and the second amendment of a permit were issued under the authority of section 10 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (ESA) (16 U.S.C. 1531-1543) and the NMFS regulations governing listed fish and wildlife permits (50 CFR parts 217-222).

Notice was published on February 23, 1996 (61 FR 6975) that an application had been filed by Ms. Pamela A. Petrusso, in collaboration with BOR (P605), for a permit to take an ESA-listed species. Permit 995 was issued to Ms. Petrusso on April 2, 1996. Permit 995 authorizes Ms. Petrusso a take of juvenile, endangered, Sacramento River winter-run chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*) associated

with a study designed to determine the physical condition of juvenile chinook salmon rearing in mainstem habitats between Keswick Dam and Red Bluff on the Sacramento River. The project will contribute to BOR's efforts to reduce migration impediments to the four runs of Sacramento River chinook salmon by providing baseline data for interpretation of the results of entrainment studies. In addition, the study will advance the understanding of the early life history and ecology of young chinook salmon in the upper Sacramento River. Permit 995 will expire on June 30, 1998.

Permit 747 was issued to FWS on August 8, 1991. Permit 747 had authorized FWS takes of adult and juvenile, endangered, Sacramento River winter-run chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*) associated with scientific research, monitoring, and enhancement activities to promote the survival of this ESA-listed species. In the interest of ESA-listed species enhancement, supplementation hatchery programs and a captive broodstock program were initiated. In 1995, genetics research found that the artificial propagation of winter-run chinook salmon has likely resulted in hybridization with spring-run chinook salmon. In addition, hatchery-produced winter-run chinook salmon have not been returning to the mainstem Sacramento River as intended, but rather, are returning to Battle Creek where FWS's Coleman National Fish Hatchery is located, apparently as a result of imprinting on Battle Creek water.

Permit 747 was to expire on December 31, 1995. The first amendment of permit 747 was issued on December 20, 1995 (61 FR 346, January 4, 1996) and provided, in part, an extension of the permit through March, 1996 and a moratorium on the collection of adult ESA-listed fish for broodstock for the duration of the permit. An extension of the permit was necessary to allow FWS to continue research, monitoring, and enhancement activities until new permits replaced permit 747 (60 FR 58334, November 27, 1995) and to provide an opportunity to address the technical concerns with FWS' ESA-listed fish artificial propagation program. The purpose of the moratorium on the collection of adult ESA-listed fish for broodstock is to avoid compromising the genetic integrity of the winter-run chinook salmon population due to the technical problems and to avoid a significant drain on the 1996 spawning population if juveniles continue to imprint exclusively on Battle Creek.

The second amendment of permit 747 was issued to FWS on March 27, 1996. Three actions are provided by this amendment. They are: (1) An extension of permit 747 through November 30, 1996; (2) the continuation of the moratorium on the collection of adult ESA-listed fish for broodstock for the duration of permit 747; and (3) the continuation of the authorization for a take of ESA-listed fish associated with the maintenance and care of hatchery fish that are part of FWS's propagation and captive broodstock programs. Due to continued technical concerns with hybridization and imprinting problems, it was not feasible for NMFS to complete the necessary actions required to issue a new enhancement permit by the end of March, 1996. The take of ESA-listed fish associated with the scientific research/monitoring component of permit 747 has been deleted and is now authorized under permit 990, issued on March 20, 1996 (61 FR 14297, April 1, 1996). The second amendment is in effect for the duration of permit 747.

Issuance of the permit and the second amendment to a permit, as required by the ESA, was based on a finding that such actions: (1) Were requested in good faith, (2) will not operate to the disadvantage of the ESA-listed species that is the subject of the permits, and (3) is consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in section 2 of the ESA and the NMFS regulations governing ESA-listed species permits.

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Marine Mammals

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Modification no. 4 to scientific research permit no. 873 (P772#63).

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that a request for modification of scientific research permit no. 873 submitted by the Southwest Fisheries Science Center, NMFS, P.O. Box 271, La Jolla, CA 92038-0271, has been granted.

ADDRESSES: The modification and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the following offices:

Permits Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Suite 13130, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (301/713-2289); and

Director, Southwest Region, NMFS, 501 West Ocean Boulevard, Suite 4200, Long Beach, CA 90802, (310/980-4016).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On March 1, 1996, notice was published in the Federal Register (61 FR 8043) that a modification of permit no. 873, issued July 28, 1993 (58 FR 34038), had been requested by the above-named organization. The requested modification has been granted under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), the provisions of paragraphs (d) and (e) of § 216.33 of the Regulations Governing the Taking and Importing of Marine Mammals (50 CFR part 216), the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (ESA), as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), and the provisions of § 222.25 of the Regulations Governing the Taking, Importing, and Exporting of Endangered Fish and Wildlife (50 CFR part 222).

Permit no. 873 authorized the permit holder to biopsy several species of cetaceans off the Pacific, Southern, and Indian Oceans, and to import biopsy tissues collected outside of U.S. waters. The permit has been modified to authorize an increase in the number of humpback whales (*Megaptera novaeangliae*) to be biopsy sampled from 20 to 100 for 1996, including 15 cow/calf pairs (i.e., 30 animals), in Hawaiian waters during the 1996 field season.

Issuance of this modification, as required by the ESA, was based on a finding that such modification: (1) Was applied for in good faith; (2) will not operate to the disadvantage of the endangered species which are the subject of this permit; and (3) is consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in section 2 of the ESA.

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COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

Trading and Clearing Link Between the Chicago Board of Trade and the London International Financial Futures and Options Exchange

AGENCY: Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

ACTION: Notice of the proposed trading and clearing linkage for certain financial products between the Chicago Board of Trade and the London International Financial Futures and Options Exchange and proposed rules and rule amendments to implement the linkage.

SUMMARY: The Chicago Board of Trade ("CBT" or "Exchange") has submitted a proposal to implement a trading and clearing link ("Link") with the London International Financial Futures and Options Exchange ("LIFFE"). Pursuant to the Link, CBT and LIFFE would trade their major financial futures and options contracts on each other's floors by open outcry. Effectively, the link would permit "cross listing" of CBT and LIFFE futures contracts. Market users could establish a position in a LIFFE-designated contract in Chicago which would be transferred to The London Clearing House ("LCH") the same day and be recognized as a LIFFE position. Market users could also establish a position in a CBT-designated contract in London which would be transferred to the Board of Trade Clearing Corporation ("BOTCC") the same day and be recognized as a CBT position. Conceptually, a CBT-designated contract would be executed on LIFFE, initially matched by LCH, and then transferred to BOTCC for clearing and vice-versa. All contracts traded through the Link would be completely fungible. Acting pursuant to the authority delegated by Commission Regulation 140.96, the Division of Trading and Markets has determined to publish the proposal for public comment. The Division believes that publication of the proposal is in the public interest and will assist the Commission in considering the views of interested persons.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before May 20, 1996.

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